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TITLE OF INVENTION: VISIBLY DISTINGUISHING PORTIONS OF COMPOUND WORDS

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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 579 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 579 day(s).

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Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

10/671,026

Applicant(s)

KARSH ET AL.

Examiner

KESHA FRISBY

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- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 10/7/2009.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-6 and 8-13.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

/XUAN M. THAI/
Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 3715

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Samuel S. Broda, Reg. No. 54,802 on 3/10/2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1. A computer-implemented method of displaying a compound word, the method comprising:

receiving data that specifies a first form of a component word;
locating, within said compound word, a second form of said component word that
differs from said first form of said component word; and
displaying said compound word with said second form of said component word
visibly distinguished from the remainder of said compound word,
wherein the steps of receiving, locating and displaying are performed by with a
search engine executing ~~in~~ on a computer system, and
wherein said compound word contains two or more component words.

Claim 4. A computer-implemented method of determining a position of a component word within a compound word, the method comprising:
determining a first stem word associated with said compound word;
determining a second stem word associated with said compound word;

based on a comparison between letters in said first stem word and said compound word, determining a first starting position;
based on a comparison between letters in said second stem word and said compound word, determining a second starting position;
determining, based on said first starting position and said second starting position, a starting position associated with said first stem word;
determining, based on said first starting position and said second starting position, an ending position associated with said first stem word; and
displaying said compound word with letters at and between said starting position associated with said first stem word and said ending position associated with said first stem word visibly distinguished from the remainder of said compound word,
wherein the steps of determining and displaying are performed with a search engine executing on a computer system, and
wherein said compound word contains two or more component words.

Claim 8. A non-transitory computer-readable storage medium carrying one or more sequences of instructions which, when executed by one or more processors on a computer system, causes the one or more processors to carry out the steps of:
receiving data that specifies a first form of a component word;
locating, within said compound word, a second form of said component word that differs from said first form of said component word; and

displaying said compound word with said second form of said component word
visibly distinguished from the remainder of said compound word,
wherein said compound word contains two or more component words.

Claim 9. The non-transitory computer-readable storage medium of Claim 8, wherein
said second form of said component word is a superlative form of said first form
of said component word, and wherein said compound word is a non-English
language word.

Claim 10. The non-transitory computer-readable storage medium of claim 8, wherein
said second form of said component word does not contain said first form of said
component word.

Claim 11. A non-transitory computer-readable storage medium carrying one or more
sequences of instructions which, when executed by one or more processors on a
computer system, causes the one or more processors to carry out the steps of:
determining a first stem word associated with said compound word;
determining a second stem word associated with said compound word;
based on a comparison between letters in said first stem word and said
compound word, determining a first starting position;
based on a comparison between letters in said second stem word and said
compound word, determining a second starting position;
determining, based on said first starting position and said second starting
position, a starting position associated with said first stem word;

determining, based on said first starting position and said second starting position, an ending position associated with said first stem word; and displaying said compound word with letters at and between said starting position associated with said first stem word and said ending position associated with said first stem word visibly distinguished from the remainder of said compound word,

wherein said compound word contains two or more component words.

Claim 12. The non-transitory computer-readable storage medium of Claim 11, wherein determining said first starting position comprises:

determining, for a first sequence of letters in said compound word, a first score based on how many letters in said first sequence match letters in said first stem word;

determining, for a second sequence of letters in said compound word, a second score based on how many letters in said second sequence match letters in said first stem word; and

determining said first starting position based on said first score and said second score.

Claim 13. The non-transitory computer-readable storage medium of Claim 12, wherein determining said second starting position comprises:

determining, for a third sequence of letters in said compound word, a third score based on how many letters in said third sequence match letters in said second stem word;

determining, for a fourth sequence of letters in said compound word, a fourth score based on how many letters in said fourth sequence match letters in said second stem word; and
determining said second starting position based on said third score and said fourth score.

Reason for Allowance

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: For independent claims 1 & 8, the examiner believes that the applicant's arguments are persuasive and are deemed the reason for allowance. For independent claims 4 & 11, None of the cited patents or publications used singly or in combination teach determining a first stem word associated with said compound word; determining a second stem word associated with said compound word; and displaying said compound word with letters at and between said starting position associated with said first stem word and said ending position associated with said first stem word visibly distinguished from the remainder of said compound word. Further, the examiner believes that the applicant's arguments are persuasive and are deemed additional reasons for allowance.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to KESHA FRISBY whose telephone number is (571)272-8774. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8am-4pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Xuan Thai can be reached on 571-272-7147. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

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